GRAND

The New Year Opens Briskly---News From the Departments.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 3, 1885. The new year has opened brightly, with everything moving briskly at Headquarters. New Year's day was given up largely to social festivities, winding up with a reception in the evening, given at Headquarters by the National officers of the Woman's Relief Corps. Commander-in Chief Kountz, Adj't-Gen. Alcorn, and many friends of the Relief Corps in and out of Grand Army circles, were present, and a delightful social evening was passed.

Monday evening Commander Kountz and staff visit Wiley Post, at Bowling Green, O., and Thursday evening next go to Bellevue, to be present on each occasion at the installation of officers, followed by a special reception. The Commander-in-Chief leaves on Saturday, the 11th, for his Eastern trip, and will be at Washington on the 19th of January, to be present at the conference of the Grand Army Pension Committee, when additional measures will be taken to secure the passage of the Mexican Pension bill and its amendments. The following order has just been issued: HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Toledo, O., Jan. 2, 1885. General Orders, No. 11.

The Commander-in-Chief deems it his duty to urge upon comrades the necessity of taking active measures to induce Congress to pass at its present session the "Mexican Pension Bill with Amendments," now pending in the House of Representa-

While this bill does not meet all the just demands of the soldiers of the late war, it is neverthless an advanced step in that direction, embracing as it does most of the recommendations of the National Pension Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, and it is undoubtedly the best that can be obtained at this session. Its passage will bring incalculable relief to thousands of long-suffering com-rades and the widows and orphans of those who have passed beyond mortal aid. The Senate passed this bill at its last session, and it now only awaits the favorable action of the House of Representatives, and the approval of the President, to become

It is confidently believed that a united expression by the comrades of the Grand Army of the Re-public, together with the tens of thousands of citiens who favor this bill, made at once to the House of Representatives, will secure the passage of this much needed Pension legislation before the close

of the present session. It is urged that comrades in every locality immediately make an organized effort to obtain this expression; and it is suggested that each Post divide the territory within its jurisdiction into districts that can be canvassed in a few days, and the work of obtaining signatures to petitions be assigned to such comrades or friends as will give immedi-ate and active attention to the work. By such means, within a few weeks at farthest a million of names may be presented to the House asking for the passage of this bill; and there is little doubt that such a request will be heeded. Blank petitions have already been sent to all Posts. Should more be needed, they can be had upon application to the Chairman of the Pension Committee, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 1405 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., to whom all petitions should be forwarded when completed.

But a few weeks remain of the present session Whatever is possible to do, should be done at once, Our comrades who need relief need it now, A year, or even a few months, may be too late for many who are already weary with long waiting and patient suffering. By command of JOHN S. KOUNTZ,

Commander-in-Chief. W. W. ALCORN. Adjutant-General. DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA.

The Department of Florida, which has been at a standstill owing to the fact that Comrade F. M. Wicker, of Key West, left the State for his former residence (Lockport, N.Y.), has been reorganized by the election of Senior Vice Commander F. S. Wilmarth, of Jacksonville, as Department Commander. This was done at a recent meeting of the Council of Administration. Comrade G. H. Norton was at the same time elected Senior Vice Commander, and Com-

rade W. W. Hunt Junior Vice Commander. Department Commander Wilmarth has appointed Comrade Sam W. Fox, of Jacksonville, Assistant Adjutant-General. A meeting of the Encampment will be called for the third Tuesday in April. Comrade Wilmarth means business, and the Department will soon take its stand among the perfected organizations of the G.A.R.

XENIA ORPHANS' HOME.

Department Commander Lloyd, of Cincinnati, and Senior Vice Commander Brown, of Zanesville, visited the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Xenia, and distributed the presents to the happy orphans to the number of 600 or more.

CHARTER DYE LOST. The Departments of New Mexico, Utah, Washington Territory, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida have not yet received their Department charters, owing to the fact that the charter dye has been lost. We learned from the Adjutant-General that engrossed charters will shortly be issued to all of these.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

W. H. Manary, Judsonia: Officers of Ellsworth Post, No. 18: Commander, W. H. Manary; S.V.C., R. J. Winn; J. V. C., — Hall; Surgeon, Dr. Johnson; Chaplain, T. P. Clark; Q. M., Capt. McLeod; Adj't, Dick Wyeth; O. D., — Huntley; O. G., — Wood; Q. M. S., — Briggs; S. M., — Langdon. CONNECTICUT.

F. E. Weed, New Cannaan: Officers of Samuel P. Ferris Post, No. 61: Commander, Charles L. Bartow; S. V. C., Isaac A. Lee; J. V. C., George E. Purdy; Adj't, Francis E. Weed; Q. M., Robert Simon; Surgeon, Charles Seacord; Chaplain, William W. Jones; O. D., William J. Brant; O. D.,

Officers of Lacon Post, No. 134: Commander, E. O. Welch; S. V. C., George Zimmerman; J. V. C., J. S. Brassfield; Q. M., Henry Fisher; O. D., J. S. Curtis; Chaplain, G. T. Thompson; O. G., J. L. Latourette; Surgeon, F. A. Packenham. Delegate to Department Encampment at Peoris, James Scoon; Alternate, Adison Tanquarry.—James F. Crawford, Bluffs: Officers of Harrington Post, No. 234: Commander, James F. Crawford; S. V. C., David Richards; J. V. C., Simon P. Hutchison; Q. Mr. Alfred Bloyd; Surgeon, W. A. Peak; O. D., Richard McCormack; Chaplain, W. D. Masterson; O. G., Milton Sellers. Delegate to the Department Encampment, David Richards; Alternate, W. A. Peak.—A. Hubbs, Mound: Officers of W. H. L. Wallace Post, No. 177: Commander, Charles F. Aultman; S. V. C., William T. Phillips; J. V. C., W. W. Wheeloek; Surgeon, John A. Chester; O. D., Charles S. Wilson; Adj't, H. J. Collier; Q. M., A. Hubbs; O. D., John Wescott; Chaplain, M. Pointer. Delegate to State Encampment, A. Hubbs; Alternate, H. J. Collier.—Lewis Shuber, Polo: Officers of Polo Post, No. 84: Commander, Polo: Officers of Polo Post, No. 84: Commander, F. J. Crawford; S. V. C., D. E. Stephens; J. V. C., Peter McKerral; Q. M., C. Nicademus; Surgeon, J. B. Sayder; Chaplain, H. W. Coursey; O. D., L. Griffin; O. G., J. Savage; Adj't, J. H. Brubaker; B. M., James Scott; Q. M. S., Peter Cover. Delegate, R. D. Woolsey; Alternate, J. H. Brubaker, —Robert S. Giberson, Roodhouse: Officers of Jacob Fry Post. No. 193: Commander W. P. J. B. Sayder; Chaplain, H. W. Coursey; O. D., L. Griffin; O. G., J. Savage; Adj't, J. H. Brubaker; B. M., James Scott; Q. M. S., Peter Cover. Delegate, R. D. Woolsey; Alternate, J. H. Brubaker, —Robert S. Gilberson, Roodhouse: Officers of Jacob Fry Post, No. 193; Commander, W. P. Etrunk; S. V. C., Mark Heton; J. V. C., George Lowson; Q. M., B. F. Martin; O. D., Willis Cobb; O. G., Thomas Rugle; Chap., Hiram Martin O. G., Thomas Rugle; Chap., Hiram Martin.— Officers of Downing Post, No. 321, Virginia: Com-mander, E. M. Dale; S. V. C., Jas. Giler; J. V. C., Mart Fox; Adj't, J. S. Lynch; Q. M., G. R. Me-Kee; O. D., James Clifford; Serg't, S. M. Coliday; Chap., J. L. Wright; O. G., A. J. Ruark. Representative to Department Encampment, S. M. Coliday; Alternate, A. J. Ruark.—J. R. Lansbery, Hazel Dell; Officers of Hazel Dell Post, No. 335; Commander, John A. Kelly; S. V. C., Nick Applegate; J. V. C., D. H. Rowe; O. D., Wm. A. Applegate; O. G., Wm. R. Davis; Chap., L. B. Sanford; Q. M., Jo. D. Rader; Surg., Dr. C. G. Coehran. John A. Lyle, Rock Falls: Officers of Will C. Robinson Post, No. 274: Commander, J. W. Niles; S. V. C., Win. Parker; J. V. C., J. A. Lyle; O. D., A. H. Hershey; Q. M., B. W. Doty; Chap., A. H. Mil-ler; Surg., Dr. J. P. Anthony; O. G., Philip Ker-vern.—J. T. Clendenin, Sparla: Officers of Sparta Post, No. 181: Commander, J. W. Caldwell; S. V. C., W. G. Crawford; J. V. C., W. A. Wentworth; Q. M., T. F. Alexander; Surg., Dr. Jas. Temple; Chap., T. B. Grey; O. D., G. B. McDonald; O. G., Chap., T. B. Grey; O. D., G. B. McDonald; O. G., D. McConnehle. Delegates to Department Engagement, T. F. Alexander, G. K. Carson.—John Q. M., Robert Tenant; Chap., Eli Marton; O. D., McDaniel, Vermillion: Officers of Henry Wilson Post, No. 384: Commander, J. M. Cox; S. V. C., W. A. Koho; J. V. C., James Rowe; Chap., J. W. Nye; Q. M., E. V. Richardson; Surg., C. T. John-son; O. D., Wm. Stotts; O. G., John Myers. Representative to Department Encampment, I. J. Lamb; Alternate, J. V. Wilson.

S. M., Joseph L. McCoskey.—James F. Graham, Fort Wayne: I see by The Tribune of the 18th inst. that George H. Thomas Post at Indianapolis, with 561 members, claims to be the largest in Indiana, but they are just a little previous in their claims. Sion S. Bass Post, No. 40, at Fort Wayne, with their 640 members, giving us 13 delegates to the Encampment, claims the banner for the State, and is the third in numbers in the United States. This Post has mustered over 300 members in the ast year under the administration of the retiring ander, Tom Sullivan. The comrades wi urge the name of Past Post Commander David N. oster for Department Commander. He is the peer of any comrade that has ever filled the position to far as his candidacy has become known it meets

the hearty approval of the comrades. Sion S. Bass Relief Corps is also in a flourishing condition.

J. O. Wallace, Keota: Officers of Ed. Carris Post, No. 333: Commander, C. A. Kinman; S. V. C., Wm. Johnston; J. V. C., H. C. Haney; Q. M., Jerome Palmer; O. D., Fulton Campbell; O. G., J. Casford; Chap., M. Russell; Surg., Dr. B. Stickley. Delegate to National Convention, Matt Craw-ford; Alternate, Dr. Stickley.—Officers of Gar-field Post, No. 57, Red Oak: Commander, Thomas H. Lee; S. V. C., Richard J. Talbott; J. V. C., John P. Wilson; Q. M., Will F. Gassner; Surg., J. C. Barcroft; Chap., W. L. Ray; O. D., Geo. R. Logan; O. G., J. W. Sumpter. Delegates, H. H. Palmer and C. C. Platter; Alternates, Geo. R. Logan and william Cozad.—E. H. Colcord, Vinton: Officers of Post No. 98: Commander, H. H. Eddy; S. V. C., J. W. Barr; J. V. C., H. N. Palmer; Surg., J. L. Geddes; Chap., S. D. Redfield; Q. M., J. L. Tinkham; O. D., J. P. Matthews; O. G., Frank Crooks. Delegates to Department Encampment, E. H. Colcord, J. L. Geddes, J. W. Barr and A. Thompson; Alternates, J. P. Matthews, J. W. Rick, S. D. Redfield and H. St. Clair.

W. Z. Nutting, Stafford: Officers of Henry Hopw. Z. Nutting, Stafford: Officers of Henry Hop-kins Post, No. 301: Commander, W. Z. Nutting; S. V. C., W. B. Kelley; J. V. C., J. W. Ratcliff; Adj't, E. B. Crawford; Surg., W. S. Tyrell; Chap., A. W. Pearl; Q. M., Franklin Cox; O. D., R. M. Plair; O. G., C. C. Wilson; S. M., E. Crane; Q. M. S., A. B. Kincheloe.—J. S. Covert, Le Roy: Officers of Orloff Norton Post, No. 190: Commander William M. Hickox; S. V. C., A. Heinenger; J. V. C., D. Z. Sutton; Surg., J. J. McDorman; Q. M., T. L. Wilson; O. D., G. W. McDaniel; Chap., Peter Crowell; O. G., H. B. Bayles .- Harvey Keller, Ottawa: We have a good Post here (George H Thomas, No. 18). We organized in April, 1880, and have now a membership of 200. We have used over \$2,000 since our organization for the needy soldier, widow and orphan.—J. E. Snow, Winfield: Officers of Wintield Post, No. 85: Commander, S. Cure; S. V. C., James H. Finch; J. V. C., Wm. E. Jansey; Q. M., A. H. Limerick; O. D., H. H. Siverd; Surg., H. L. Wells; Chap., A. B. Arment; O. G., D. L. McRoberts: I. G., William Sanders; O. G., J. H. Sanard; Adj't, J. E. Snow; S. M.

Joseph Raynes, Yarmouth: Officers of W. L. Haskell Post, No. 108: Commander, R. H. McQuillan; S. V. C., John T. Smith; J. V. C., Edward Stoddard; Surg., W. W. Thomas; Chap., Andrew Leighton; Q. M., Ammi D. Seabury; O. D., H. G. Ross; O. G., Alonzo Quint; Adj't, Joseph Raynes; S. M., John F. Brown; Q. M. S., Herbert Grant. Delegate, Joseph A. Chase; Alternate, Chas. L.

MASSACHUSETTS.-On the 19th ult. James A. Garfield Post, No. 120, dedicated its handsome new hall. The dedicatory exercises were opened by remarks by the Com-mander of the Post, Hubert M. Potter, who commented upon the virtues of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, upon which the Order is founded, and to these noble purposes declared the hall dedi-cated. He was followed in interesting remarks by Department Commander John B. Billings, of Boston, and John C. Linehan, Concord, N. H., Commander of the Department of New Hampshire.

MICHIGAN .-Officers of A. B. Sturgis Post, No. 73, Sturgis: Commander, Isaac Provost; S. V. C., Andrew Kaiser; J. V. C., John Kennedy; O. D., Monroe Evans; O. G., J. A. Marvin; Q. M., E. B. Cook; Chap., Geo. W. Wetmore; Surg., Dr. L. S. Putney, Chap., Geo. W. Wetmore; Surg., Dr. L. S. Putney, Delegate, M. D. Kirk; Alternate, John H. Whitmer.
—Officers of Greenville Post, Greenville: Commander, R. H. Gibson; S.V. C., A. J. Cole; J.V. C., E. W. Blanchard; O. D., Ell Rogers; Q. M., Wm. Bradley; Surg., Dr. C. Griffith; Chap., Wm. Hornig; O. G., A. Roosa. Delegates, G. W. Turner, C. O. Jennison and F. F. Grabill; Alternates, W. R. Griffith, L. W. Sprague and D. Judd. fith, L. W. Sprague and D. Judd.

MINNESOTA .-Thomas Post, No. 30: Commander, T. C. Fitzwater; S.V. C., Jos. E. Wilson; J.V. C., Wm. H. Meekins; Surg., Dr. C. O. Paquin; Q. M., A. E. Veon; O. G., J. A. McDonald; Chap., W. M. Davenport. Delegates, W. P. Spaulding, J. L. Jones and Frank H. Elvidge; Alternates, W. W. Havens, B. W. Fish and J. E. Wilson,—M. J. Easland, Pipe Stone: Officers of Simon Mix Post, No. 95: Commander, B. S. Clark; S. V. C., Riley French; J. V. C., W. F. Tibbetts; O. D., T. J. Lynch; O. G., H. Montville; Surg., E. M. Carr; Chap., C. W. Fenlason.

MISSOURI.-John Galbreath, Fillmore: Officers of Fillmore Post, No. 170: Commander, C. W. Spicer; S. V. C., J. H. Darrah; J. V. C., A. E. Trapp; Surg., J. C. Clark; Chap., Chas. Glafelter; Q. M., W. J. Beal; O. D., John Galbreath; O. G., J. R. Rowley; Adjt., Aaron Cole; Q. M. S., Alex. Hanners; S. M., A. F. Ledbetter.—W. H. Skinner, Bethany; Officers of Ledbetter.—W. H. Skinner, Bethany: Officers of Lieut. T. D. Neal Post, No. 124: Commander, Joseph D. Officer; S. V. C., R. H. Grimstead; J. V. C., H. J. Herring; Adjt., C. C. Miller; Q. M., J. N. Koontz; Surg., J. H. Tripp; Chap., Vincent Harper; O. D., A. H. Deputy; O. G., Geo. W. Young; S. M., W. B. A. Carter; Q. M. S., I. N. Curry.—J. J. Bowen, Salem: Officers of Salem Post, No. 128: Commander, Louis Fisher; S. V. C., D. N. Garner; J. V. C., J. S. Ault; O. D., F. O. Tennyson; Adj't, F. L. Withaup; Q. M., J. J. Bowen; S. M., Julius Grosse; Q. M. S., L. K. Williams; Chap., Wm. R. H. Powelson.

MONTANA.-John Moflitt, Helena: Officers of Wadsworth Post, No. 8: P. C., Thomas P. Fuller; S. V. C., Robert C. Wallace; J. V. C., William Sims; Adj't, John Moffitt; Q. M., H. F. C. Kleinschmidt; Surg., Robert C. Walker; Chap., Geo. W. Shaw; O. D., Ross Dugan; O. G., Richard Hoback.

NEW JERSEY .-W. H. Weeden, South Amboy: Officers of Commodore Conover Post, No. 2: Commander, David Mount; S. V. C., E. Gorden; J. V. C., J. Buckelew; Adj't, G. H. Hutchinson; Q. M., M. P. Mack; Surg., T. Snedeker; Chap., C. Boice; O. D., H. Capner; O. G., A. L. Rue; S. M., W. H. Weeden. Delegate to Department Encampment, W. H. Weeden; Alternate, J. Buckelew.—Amos Elmer, Tennent; Officers of Captain J. W. Conover Post, No. 63: Post Commander, James V. Muldoon; S. V. C., Charles H. Snedeker; J. V. C., George G. Sparks; Surg., Caleb Patterson; Chap., Jacob Douglas; Q. M., Charles A. Clark; O. D., William Crawford O. G., John Thompson. Delegate to Department Encampment, Charles A. Clark; Alternate, Joseph Brown. Trustees, Charles H. Hartzheim, George G. Sparks and Stephen Lane. Auditors, Charles A. Brower, William W. Cannon and Charles H. Sned-

C. Ahles, Redwood: Officers of James B. Campbell Post, No. 424: Commander, T. B. Marshall; S. V. C., Joseph A. Tassey; J. V. C., C. Ahles; O. D., T. F. A. Dana; Q. M., T. H. Donald; V. D., Thos. Coonan; Chap., Thomas B. Phillips; Surg., Don A. Watson. Delegate to Department Encampment, Don A. Watson; Alternate, T. H. Donald.—Isaac Don A. Watson; Alternate, T. H. Donald.—Isaac Jelliff, Woodbourne: Officers of Hammond Post, No. 344: Commander, Isaac Jelliff; S. V. C., W. M. O'Neal; J. V. C., J. W. Stewart; Q. M., Willard Elmore; Chap., David Robinson; Adj't, J. O. Gardner; O. D., C. N. Avery; Surg., A. Dollaway; O. G., W. W. Thurston. The Post has a membership of 70, and it is in a flourishing condition.—Daniel Spear, Cardington: Officers of James St. John Post, No. 82: Commander, M. A. Cady; S. V. C., O. P. Russell; J. V. C., J. J. Lee; Chap., W. F. Cender; Surg., H. S. Green; Q. M., James Bassiger; O. D., H. H. Sterner; O. G., P. Powers. Trustees, S. C. Bennett, J. G. Blue, S. C. Kirkpatrick.

Bennett, J. G. Blue, S. C. Kirkpatrick. John H. McGee, Rock Camp: Officers of Baker Waller Post, No. 498: Commander, Wm. E. Rowe; S. V. C., John Hartwig; J. V. C., Wm. H. Bazell; Q. M., M. E. Ramey; Surg., James Mays; Chap., Edward S. Kitts; O. D., James H. Willis; O. G., Hamlin Bazell; Adj't, Judson Ferrill; Q. M. S., Isaac N. Willis.—R. Netz, Waynesburg: Officers of Sandy Valley Post, No. 433: Commander, R. Netz; S. V. C., C. H. Jones; J. V. C., H. C. Elson; Chap., F. R. Yerger; Surg., Dr. Thomas H. Whitelaw; O. D., J. W. McCollum; O. G., W. H. Rhoads; Q. M., James H. Ross, Delegate to Department Encampment, C. C. Elson; Alternate, Thomas A. Barnes.—Andrew J. Avery, Mount Washington: George H. Trotter Post, No. 259, was Akron, Ohio, at 10 a. m., Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1885. —T. D. McGillieuddy, Secretary Committee on Arrangements, Akron, Ohio: The G.A.R. of Ohio contemplate having a royal time at the Encampment to be held here next month, and the Akron G.A.R. are going to see to it that they are not disappointed in any particular. Invitations have gone out to all the leading Generals of the late war

and many others to be with us on that occasion. Wm. Simmons, Philadelphia: The Camp-fire held last month by Naval Post, No. 400, was largely held last month by Naval Post, No. 460, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by all the participants.—Officers of Col. D. S. Porter Post, No. 434: Commander, William W. Perry; S. V. C., F. W. Groves; J. V. C., Thomas Reed; Surg., Michael Stormer; Q. M., George Baughman; O. D., B. D. Blose; O. G., F. C. Esbaugh. Council of Administration, T. L. Hall. Delegate to Encampment, George Baughman; Alternate Thomas Reed George Baughman; Alternate, Thomas Reed,-M. Cramer, Starrucca: Officers of Post No. 373:

G. B. Osborn; O. G., M. Cramer. The Encampment of this Department will be held Jan. 15.

VERMONT .-INDIANA.—
John W. McCoskey, Youngstown: Officers of
Tapping Post, No. 158: Commander, William H.
McCoskey; S. V. C., Geo. T. Albin; J. V. C., John
W. McCoskey; Q. M., Samuel M., Crandel; O. D.,
O. P. Smith; Chap., William P. Sanford; Surg.,
Wm. Robert Oliphant; O. G., Thos. R. Minks;
Adj't, Wm. T. Morris; Q. M. S., Joseph McCoskey;
S. M., Joseph L. McCoskey.— James F. Graham N. S. Rogers, Newport Centre: Officers of T. B.

Officers of John Flynn Post, No. 77: Commander, Elliot C. Young; S. V. C., J. E. Wilson; J. V. C., A. J. Sands; O. D. H. Morrison; Q. M., L. Dolphin; Surg., Wm. Hinkley; Chap., L. D. Bushey; O. G., R. Byhydt. Delegate to Department Encampment, William Grover: Alternate, J. E. Wilson

RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters--Notes from the Departments.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. Toledo, O. KATE B. SHERWOOD, National President. EMMA D. SIBLEY, National Secretary.

Toledo, O., Dec. 30, 1884. The past week was comparatively a quiet one at Headquarters, the holiday festivities naturally engaging the attention of our busy workers to the exclusion, somewhat, of direct official communication or business transaction. And still in the ring of the Christmas bells we eatch a whisper of our progress, and from among the holly and the mistletoe gather this little evergreen offering, in grateful remembrance of the final blessings of the old year, and as a glad welcome to the new.

AMONG THE SNOWS OF VERMONT. First, there is a happy report of the inspection of Vermont Corps, Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, National Senior Vice-President, acting as Inspecting Officer, and also taking occasion to visit the new Corps where inspections were not properly in order, and give all needful instructions in the various forms of work. The iourney covered a distance of nearly 500 miles through the New England snows-a long, cold ride; but notwithstanding the hindrances to travel liable to occur at such times, our persevering officer met all engagements promptly, with one exception. Leaving Boston on the morning of Monday, 15th inst., Mrs. Fuller reached St. Johnsbury, Vt., at 4:30 p. m., was cordially welcomed by the President, Mrs. H. Ide, and delightfully entertained at her home. The ladies of the Corps were most enthusiastic, and received instructions with a keen appreciation of the work before them. Chamberlin Post will have good cause to be proud of its auxiliary.

At West Concord, where Corps No. 5 has just extended. As it was regular meeting night of the Post the ladies first assembled at a private house to listen to the suggestions and explanations of the visiting officer, when at 8 o'clock Comrade Woodbury acted as

ESCORT FOR THE LADIES to the Post hall. Here a brief union meeting was held, thoroughly enjoyed by all present. This Corps will give an entertainment soon for the benefit of the general fund.

Fully intending to visit Weston, where Corps No. 1 is located, on the following day (Wednesday), Mrs. Fuller made an early start, but a driving snow storm seriously interfered with her plans, detaining her at a station about half way, and "for the first time in six years of official work," says the writer, "I failed to meet my appointment."

At Brattleboro', the next place visited, Col. and Mrs. Hooker entertained the guest at their charming home. The Corps here is reported in excellent condition; books well kept, a good round sum in the treasury, including a corps No. 16, at Colebrook, a small town in Smith; G., Mrs. Dora Tillinghast. Mrs. Mary R. Builock was appointed Secretary. relief fund, and a rapidly increasing membership of earnest, intelligent, loyal women. Not having much relief work to do, the Corps determined on starting a fund for a

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and to this end have appropriated \$25, the sum deposited in the bank, with Mrs. Hooker, President of the Corps, as trustee. That such action is indorsed and appreciated by the citizens as well as the Grand Army, was made manifest in a pretty compliment extended by a prominent dry goods firm of the town. One of the Christmas window decorations was a monusilk, with a tablet of flowers, on which was in-

scribed "The Proposed Soldiers' Monument." The last day of the inspecting tour was spent at Bennington, and an equally favorable report is given of our Corps there. Mrs. Gibson, the President of the Corps, is peculiarly fitted for the position she occupies; and, considering the fact that none but written instructions had been given them, the clear comprehension evinced on the part of the members spoke volume to the best in the State, since it has many good every way to a proper observance of the day. The annual entertainment given in June added to the relief fund \$982. This fund it used only for charity, umes for the earnest, intelligent prosecution of the study of the work on their part, and the Bendix, for whom this Post is named. Many ability and devotion at the head. And so the visiting comrades and sister workers were pres-Corps of Vermont are declared fully instructed, ent, including Department Commander Nevius and are therefore ready for a Department or- and Chief Mustering Officer Lufts, of New Jerganization.

In reply to inquiries addressed to Department Commander C. C. Kinsman, it is learned | for New Jersey, together with Meade Post | that the Department Encampment, G.A.R., will | drum-corps and many others. The following | be held at Rutland on the 28th and 29th of | are the officers for the ensuing year: President. the coming month-January. Col. Kinsman is Mrs. M. E. Hausbeck; S. V.-P., Mrs. Sophia De

HEARTILY IN SYMPATHY with the aims and objects of the Relief Corps. and not only pledges the support of the Order in the Department, but will do all in his power to make the convention a success, as well as to insure the ladies a pleasant time.

FIRST KENTUCKY CORPS. Kentucky is fairly captured, and a Relief Corps auxiliary to Augustus Beyland Post, charter was returned to Headquarters through Mrs. Russell, National Corresponding Secretary, of Zanesville, Chio, to whom great credit is due for the awakening interest among the misty blue hills of that beautiful State.

MRS. BICKERDYKE REMEMBERS HER BOYS. Mrs. Lizzie D'A. Kinne. Provisional President of the Department of California, and an indefatigable worker for the Order at large, was the bearer of late contributions to Mrs. has been re-elected, much against her will, as Bickerdyke, whom she found to be a most interesting old lady of more than the allotted many more such gifts may help to smooth the pleased with the singing in the Corps, which rough and thorny places in the pathway of her declining years. Mrs. Bickerdyke is now 74, but still divides her last dollar with some needier army nurse, or gives her gratuitous services to nursing the sick and friendless soldier. Past Commander-in-Chief Van Dervoort, tried to secure her a place in the San Francisco Mint when in California during his administration, but the promise made him was not fulfilled. In a recent letter to the Chairman of the Relief Committee Mrs. Bickerdyke re-

LETTERS FROM HER DEAR BOYS. The following is a portion of her letter:

I am deeply grateful for the testimonials everywhere coming in from the G.A.R. Posts and Woman's Relief Corps in my behalf; yet it is in another sense painful for me to receive contributions from the dear boys who lovally went out in the service of their Country-a cause alike dear and sacred to me. It would give me great pleasure to secure copies of such portions of letters as refer personally to my services as may come into your hands. They would be of infinite value and service to me, as all my letters and papers were destroyed in the Chicago fire. Though there were many thousands of off like forest leaves, yet I feel like keeping their | Ebert. whereabouts as nearly as possible. Many of them are, like myself, well advanced in years and with broken health. Should the Government grant me a pension, together with other women of the war, I feel it would be but justice to the deserving and loyal.

My health is surprisingly good for one of my years and rough experiences; suffer some with rheumatism, but keep around most of the time, and am able to do considerable at nursing. Best wishes for the good work of the Relief Corps and for my far-away boys everywhere.-MARY A. BICKERDYKE.

THE TEN CENT FUND. their aid, to avail herself of medical treatment in Baltimore, to which place she has been removed. bill for her relief into the Senate, and Representative Lovering, of Mass., into the House. National Headquarters received from John M. Bell Corps, Washington Court-house, O., \$2, for the joint fund the past week. Mrs. Abbie M.

Gannett, Chairman of Relief, Welden, Mass., reports as follows: For Miss Carroll and Mrs. Bickerdyke: Ford Post, East Toledo, O., \$5; Ford Ladies' Auxiliary, \$2.50; Moawequa Post, Ill., \$1.60; Ellsworth Post, Ames, Iowa, \$2.20; McCullock Post, Earlville, Ill.,

GOOD FOR CONNECTICUT.

No Department is doing more excellent service in proportion to its age and membership than that of Connecticut. Formed less than a year ago, with but five Corps, and all small in numbers and young in the work, the Department has risen to a size and financial status that would do credit to one far more auspiciously started. The entire Department is supplied with new badges, and has kept all the old ones for Corps uses. Supplies are paid for when ordered, and, all in all, there is executive ability displayed that places the Department in the front rank.

THE COMING CONVENTION AT PORTLAND. A letter received at National Headquarters from Gen. I. S. Bangs, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, G.A.R., and member of the Committee on Reception and Entertainment of the Nineteenth Annual Encampment, G.A.R., concludes as follows:

It is safe to say that the five or six Portland hotels can accommodate 1,500 to 2,000 guests; the popular seaside resorts in the harbor, within 15 minutes' by boats, can accommodate 1,000, and the hotels at Old Orchard and Pine Point, 25 minutes' distance by rail, can accommodate 5,000 more. These, besides private accommodations. We expect such a crowd as has never been seen before of old soldiers

The National President has accepted the kind offer of Mrs. A. M. Sawyer, Past President of the Woman's State Relief Corps, Portland, Me., and other ladies, to arrange for the entertainment of delegates to the National Convention. Mrs. Sawyer writes that a hall has been engaged for the meetings of the National Convention, within three minutes' walk of the hall where the sessions of the Grand Army are held. National Headquarters will be at the Falmouth Hotel. Due notification of hotel terms, etc., will be given at the proper time.

Department Gleanings.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. Mrs. Adaline P. Kent, Department President of New Hampshire, reports an awakening interest among the White Mountain boys in Relief Corps work. Among recent institutions is that of E. E. Sturtevant Corps, No. 24, auxiliary to E. E. Sturtevant Post, No. 2, G.A. R., of Concord, N. H. Mrs. Kent was assisted been organized, the same free hospitality was by Mrs. Angelia M. Hayes, Department Secretary. The following officers were installed: Pres., Mrs. Mary A. Pratt; S. V.-P., Mrs. Georgie Randlett; J. V.-P., Mrs. Mira H. Lane; Treas., Mrs. Fannie E. Minot; Chap., Mrs. Emma M. Aiken; Con., Mrs. Jennie M. Bond; G., Mrs. Mary J. L. Eaton; Director, Mrs. Mary L. Johnson. This Corps is a most gratifying result of the endeavors of a committee appointed by the Post, consisting of Comrades James Minot, Henry Churchill, Charles H. Hayes, Andrew L. Lane and Nathaniel Bond, who issued a circular in most attractive design, calling the attention of the ladies of the city to this important auxiliary work, and inviting them to meet for consideration of this object. At the first meeting held in response to this call Mrs. Kent was present and addressed the meeting, when 30 signatures were obtained to the charter and the officers elected and installed the same evening. Mrs. Kent says they are noble, earnest women, whose influence will New Hampshire, gave a recent entertainment for the benefit of the son of a veteran who had lost his hand, realizing \$28. The burial of a

mended. Peniman Relief Corps, No. 9, Plymouth, held a recent fair to replenish their relief fund, which was a great success. A guess cake realized a nice little sum.

Carlton Relief Corps, No. 18, Farmington, was honored at a recent entertainment by a visit from Department Commander Linehan and Mrs. Department Pres. Kent. There was ment over six feet high, of red, white and blue a fine supper and excellent music, recitations.

and speeches. DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK. Bendix Relief Corps, No. 37, was instituted on the evening of Dec. 17, and the officers publicly installed by M. E. Hausbeck, assisted by Commander Humphreys, who installed the President. The comrades of Post No. 402 are highly elated over the successful organization workers, among them the daughters of Gen. sey; Comrade Atwood and wife, who has been recently appointed Provisional President on hand a balance of \$117.72. Besides this, a great Mott; J. V.-P., Mrs. Martha Humphreys; Treas., Mrs. Fannie Vanderbilt; Chap., Mrs. S.

Abrams; C., Mrs. Reynolds; G., Miss Mamie Thaddens Stevens Relief Corps, No. 14, (colored,) New York, which was organized last March, for some months labored under difficulties, but they have now begun work in earnest, and at the last meeting in November they ini- tee (Mrs. Nellie Bacon) reports the number of tiated 16 members and Dec. 22 12 members, Beattyville, Ky., will be a most tangible evidence in the near future. The application for 85 members in good standing, and have made arrangements to buy an organ for Corps use. awaiting admission; 10 have been furnished with They are getting along nicely, assist the Post | employment. Thus it will be seen that the benefits in all their work, and intend in the near future of the Renef Corps are various and intend in the near future Many of these children, if not cared for by the to present the Post with a new G.A.R. flag. W.R.C., would grow up in ignorance and idleness, Corps working as this one has worked encour- whereas they now receive instruction and training

age others which are listless and careless. Mrs. Kate E. Jones, National Corresponding Secretary, Ilion, N. Y., has inspected Arthur L. Brooks, Corps, Hamilton, N. Y., of which Mrs. | future as well.-Annie E. Howe, Corps correspond-Abbie D. Johnson is President. Mrs. Johnson ent. she has labored very hard for its success, and would like to see the honors passed around. years-three-score and ten. Although main- Comrade Johnson has been the Commander of taining an independence such as might be ex- | the Post from the start, and is also re-elected pected in one who has braved so many dan- by a unanimous vote. The comrades will have gers' and hardships, the dear old nurse who no other, knowing that no other will sacrifice has brought so many grateful smiles to the so much for the interests of the Post; -and, after haggard faces of her soldier boys received the all, as Mrs. Jones well says, "Self-sacrifice is little gift with a heart full of thanks that she | the only offering worthy to be laid on the altar had been thus remembered. Let us hope that of our country." Mrs. Jones was particularly she pronounces excellent.

DEPARMENT OF OHIO. A Mush and Milk Social, followed by dancing upon a recent evening by Buckley Relief Corps, Akron. The Eighth Regiment Orchestra furnished the music. It was the first of a series of Winter socials, and was a great success.

The great Sanitary Fair, given by Hazlett Post and Corps, Zanesville, O., introduced many new features, including representations from Dickens, Miss Wilmot, an English lady, assisting in their arrangement. The Corps presented the Post with an elegant banner.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE ORPHANS. DEAR TRIBUNE: I am to tell the thousands of children all over the land who have loving fathers and mothers to care for them how 700 orphans of few know, and fewer still realize, or have even an idea of our Home-not a cold, barren abstract, but a real, living, loving home.

Although a State institution, it is, indeed, the protege of the Grand Army of the Republic. would like to describe to them its schools and everyday life, but I must confine myself to Christmas. Where does the money come from to furnish Donors to the relief fund will be glad to know that Miss Carroll has been enabled, through look upon you they remember this fact—they may die and leave you improvided for, and their comrades will deal with you as tenderly as they have Also, that Gen. Manderson, the soldier Senator children;—so, out of their little and much is furfrom Nebraska, who has such a warm side for nished the money. As if by magic they come, box the loyal women of the war, has introduced a upon box. As we look upon the books, writingdesks, shopping bags, ribbons for the girls, skates and knives for boys, toys of all kind and degree, we know that something beyond money has been demanded. So I ask, Who found and bought all of these things with such wisdom? Commander Lloyd and wife did it, and they came up to reap the reward of their labor in the joy of the children. Two large trees in the chapel, one on each side of a large arch, on which, in letters of green, we read "Christmas, 1884," and "Welcome," From the center hangs a large horseshoe of flowers, while above is the Star of Bethlehem encircled by a wreath; a framework below the arch also covered A. J. Sands; O. D. H. Morrison; Q. M., L. Dol.
phin; Surg., Wm. Hinkley; Chap., L. D. Bushey;
O. G., R. Byhydt. Delegate to Department Encampment, William Grover: Alternate, J. E. Wilson.—O. C. Smith, Stockbridge; Officers of B. J.
Smeet Post, No. 40: Commander, H. A. Height; S.
V. C., G. A. Johnson; J. V. C., W. Holt; O. D.,
Watson Cook; Surg., Dr. J. Merrill; Q. M., C. P.
Skidmore; Chap., H. O. Dudley; Adj't, O. C.
Smith; O. G., James Greely.

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Avery, and last, but not least, Capt. Kinsey. A short speech from Commander Lloyd, Capt. Brown, Mrs. Myers, and then Capt. Kinsey delighted them with wonderful tricks of "now you see it and

now you don't." For over an hour he won their complete attention and made them happy. The farewells were then said, and the friends depart, not, however, to forget the orphan children of their dead comrades .- J. A SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY DISBANDS. Lemert Post, Newark, O., having resolved to

organize a Relief Corps, the members of Mc-Dougal Soldiers' Aid Society, for some years its efficient auxiliary, very generally connected themselves with the new organization. Mc-Dougal Society has, therefore, formally disbanded; but, before doing so, gave the Post a genuine surprise. Marching to the hall in a body, the retiring President (Mrs. J. J. Huston) presented the Post with the books of the Society and \$22 in money, in trust for Lemert Corps, and in a few appropriate words thanked Commander and comrades for their uniform courtesy and kindness. She then said that McDougal Society had prepared a parting tribute, at which point McDougal Society, some 25 in number, marched into the hall bearing a beautiful banner, singing "The Star Spangled | be extended to the saviors under God of the grand-Banner," as they advanced to the front. Mrs. O. Bowmer, President-elect of Lemert Corps, then advanced to the front and presented the banner, in behalf of McDougal Society, in a few eloquent words, to which Commander J. J. Huston made a fitting response, commending the noble example of McDougal Society to the new Corps, and concluding as follows: Comrades, this is a beautiful and appropriate de-

sign indeed; it connects and recalls the heroic record of two of Licking County's heroes, who shed their life-blood on the battlefields of Perryville and Arkansas Post, in order that the principles of American Government might be maintained. Mc-Dougal and Lemert! The association of these names may cause sorrowful recollections of the past within the minds of many comrades and friends, and yet it is a source of great consolation to know that the names of these martyrs, after nearly 20 years has past, are like the wild flowers of the woods, nestled like gems in the hearts, and like emeralds shine with an evergreen luster within the memory of friends. Ladies of McDougal Corps: This noble action on

your part recalls the fraternal, loyal, and charitable devotion displayed by loyal women to Union soldiers during the dark days of the rebellion, and proves that, like angels of mercy, such services, should they be required, would be performed again. Lemert Post will always preserve this beautiful banner, and with a deep and lasting grat-itude cherish fondly the services and names of the

After three hearty cheers for the ladies of McDougal Relief Corps, they retired, thus ending one of the most pleasant episodes since the organization of Lemert Post.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING. DEAR TRIBUNE: I hope I may not be considered intrusive, that I come so often with news from Forsyth Corps, No. 1, of this place. Forsyth is one of the pioneer organizations, and has always been under the guidance of the present National President, Mrs. Sherwood, and although we do not wish to set ourselves up for a model, if our experience will help the new Corps just struggling into ex-istance, we are glad to impart it. We are often asked respecting the aims and objects of the Relief Corps, and we can in no way give a better idea of our work than to tell what we have accomplished during the past year. The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, Dec. 23, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Mrs. Cora D. Young; S.V.-P., Mrs. E. M. Irving; J.V.-P., Mrs. Builock was appointed Secretary.

The following ladies were elected delegates to Department Convention to be held at Akron: Mesdames Hettie L. Boos, Annie E. Howe, Mary soldier's child is another kindly act to be com- J. Kelsey, Anna Van Hoesen, Martha H. Locke and Emma H. Kisinger. Alternates were chosen as follows: Mesdames Mary F. Bergen, Elizabeth Stutsman, Nellie Bacon, Jennie L. Losee, Adelia E. Edson and Mattie Wright. The Corps numbers 135 members, 40 of whom have been admitted during the past year. There has always been great harmony in the society, which accounts, in part, for the good work accom-plished. No matter how brave or skillful a Gen-eral may be, if the rank and file do not support him well his plans fail; and however courageous the soldiers may prove themselves, if the commanding officers fail to direct their attacks aright their efforts are lost. Much of our work cannot be expressed in figures; the lonely home visited, the words of cheer given, the sad hearts soothed by sympathy, are as the dew upon the thirsty land,—it sappears from sight, and we say, It is gone; but the beneficent effects can be seen on every side. Memorial Day always receives our care and services, as we always collect and arrange the flowers and see that every veteran is supplied, and aid in

and is held by the Post and Corps in common, the Corps taking especial charge of the widows and penses may accrue. Of this standing relief fund, nounting to several thousand dollars, the Corps many articles of clothing have been donated and distributed, and a carload of wood. From the report of the Chairman of the Visiting and Supply Committee (Mrs. Martha J. Foster), it appears that 40 families, including 159 persons, have been aided, but only two families have received assistance throughout the entire year. A large box of goods valued at \$30 was sent to a family out of the city, large donations made to the sufferers from the floods in the Ohio Valley and, in connection with the Central Congregational Church, a box and barrel of goods were sent during the present month to Dakota. Five dollars was donated to the Department to pay for supplies for a Corps burned out. The Chairman of Home and Employment Commitchildren for which the Corps has secured admission at the Orphans' Home at Xenia as 14; six at the Orphans' Home in this city, for whom there were no accommodations, and 10 others necessary to fit them to become useful and worthy citizens. Let not our hands grow weary nor our hearts faint as long as we can show so good results. for we work not merely for to-day, but for the

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN.

The following are the newly-elected officers of Wm. Evans Relief Corps, Menomonie, Wis.: Pres., Jeannette E. Pease; S. V.-P., Elizabeth Skeel; J. V.-P., Emma Harshman; Sec., Lida Turner; S. V.-P., Miss Alice Carey; J. V.-P., Doolittle; Treas., Kate Weber; Chap., Lora Miss H. M. Chase; Sec., Mrs. Annie Curren; Flint; Con., Alice Flint; G., Eliza Williamson. Treas., Mrs. W. W. Sampson; Chap., Mrs. Flint; Con., Alice Flint; G., Eliza Williamson. The retiring President, Mrs. Dr. Bailey, who | Dodge; Con., Mrs. Kate Tufts; Guard, Mrs. has served the Corps most faithfully, writes as | Barnes. follows:

With our Corps thus excellently officered with capable, earnest workers, we feel confident of success. We have doubled our membership since our organization last March. Our Post has offered us every encouragement by their courtesies and co-operation at all times, and we earnestly thank them for and other amusements, and conducted, even to | their kindly aid in this our first year of organizathe floor management, by the ladies, was given tion. Wm. Evans Post and Corps have purchased a cemetery lot jointly. Our installation service will be held together; also every fourth meeting. May every Corps have like encouragement from the Post to which it is auxiliary.

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

Reynolds Relief Corps, Cawker City, Kan., has elected the following officers: Pres., Mrs. E. B. Alrich; S. V.-P., Mrs. Minnie McGhee; J. V.-P., Mrs. E. Niles; Sec., Mrs. B. Smith; Treas., Mrs. M. J. Lundy; Chap., Mrs. E. Lines; The following are the officers for the ensuing year, to be installed Jan. 12: President: Mrs. Louisa Terry; S. V.-P., Mrs. Carrie J. Wiles; Mrs. Matthews and the President; Alternate, J. V.-C., Mrs. Amelia Roper; Sec., Mrs. F. T. | Mrs. Turner. During the progress of the Russell; Treas., Mrs. Mary R. Stanbery; C., election of Reynolds Post the same evening a Mrs. Mary E. Lillibridge; G., Mrs. Delia Grant. | communication was received by Commander Delegates to the Akron Convention, Mrs. Mary | Tucker, and signed "Belle Boyd, the Spy," R. Stanbery, Mrs. H. C. Waterman and Mrs. | giving the startling information that mysteri-Ida Van Horne; Alternates, Mrs. Belle T. Bag- ous movements were observed at the crosssoldiers within my circuit, I know they are falling ley, Mrs. Jennie Axline and Miss Amanda roads, warning the pickets to be alert, and that not one soldier be allowed to leave the camp. The Commander issued strict orders to that effect, and at the conclusion of business Reynolds Corps attacked the camp, captured the outposts, and, taking possession of the hall, sailors and soldiers spent their Christmas. But a | treated the vets to such a bombardment of good things as has not been surpassed in many a day. There were no empty belts after that feast.

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA. The Second Annual Convention, Department of Nebraska, will be held at Beatrice, Jan. 28 and 29, in connection with the Annual En- of their comrades for the purpose of abuse. I campment, G.A.R. The following is the

ROSTER OF NEBRASKA. Sedgwick Corps, No. 1: J. E. Gillespie, President; Maria Y. Miles, Secretary; Sarah C. Parker, Treas urer: Kearney. Canby, No. 2: Julia Ross, Edna E. Forbes, Elinor E. Adams; St. Paul. C. C. Washburn, No. 3: Delia Benjamin, Jessie Ford, Mary Trefern; Broken Bow. Abe Lincoln, No. 4: Helen E. Cook, Lelia A. Taylor, Anna M. Bunting; David City, Robt. Anderson, No. 5: Juliet G. Howe, Nettie Hartin La Dell Stinson: York. Griffin, No. 6: Esther A. Hartin, Elizabeth Coats. Susan Stockham; Stockham. Ransom, No. 7: Caroline Scott, Marcia Axtell. Susie Rosenburg; Scotia, Frank P. Lombard, No. 8; Jennie Furgeson, Miss C. Green, N. A. Baldwin; North Loup. S. A. Strickland, No. 9: Emily O. Dilworth, Anna D. Taggart, Agnes A. Hurd; Hastings. Farragut, No. 10: Dr. H. K. Painter, Etta Bum-J. A. Mower, No. 11: M. K. Greaves, R. D. Carlton, L. Crettinger; Stromburg. Elliott, No. 12: J. E. Lonker, Ella C. Walker, Lafayette, No. 13: Theresa Woodward, Ottelia Dudley, S. A. Rexford; Weeping Water. J. A. Garfield, No. 14: Emma B. Knight, Ella M. Boomer, No. 15: Anna E. Roberts, Mary E. Hall.

Collins, No. 16: Sadie Grubb, Letetia McCormick, Lucy Bortis; Glenville. W. A. Webb, No. 17: Kate Barsby, Letetia Tread well, Hellen Burdick; Fairmount.

Hutton, No. 18: Annie Brown, Clara McComb Martha Milborne; Elm Creek, Lyon, No. 19: ——; Grand Island, Ellsworth, No. 20: Mary E. Mead, Esther Graves, Leaffa Parrot; Silver Creek.

Sweet, No. 21: ——; West Union. Harvey, No. 22: ——; Burnetts. DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO. The Department Convention of Colorado will be held at Assembly Rooms of George G. Meade and Phil Kearny Posts, Tabor Opera House, Denver, at the time of holding Encampment of the G.A.R., beginning Jan. 15 at 10 o'clock. A full program has been announced. The order of the Department President, Mrs. Kennedy, closes with the following eloquent appeal: The Department President takes this opportunity of expressing the desire that this coming Department Convention, being our first annual meeting may be very successful, both as to members pres ent and interest taken in our great work of relief. Perhaps at no period of time since it was recorded that women were "Last at the cross and first at the sepulcher," have women been called upon to do such exalted work as we. Our charities are to

est Nation the sun ever shone upon. Can we or

this Nation ever repay those who dared death for

the right, and maintained the honor of our flag? Let us do all we can to make the evening time of

their lives pleasant and comfortable, so that when we and they shall be gathered home—being mus-

tered out of time into eternity-we may hear the

voice of our Great Commander, saying, "Well done, good and faithful servants." DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA. Mrs. Lizzie D'A. Kinne, Provisional President of California, writes of the steady progress of Relief Corps work in the Golden State. Mrs. Kinne instituted Rod Matheson Corps, No. 8. at Healdsburg, which is made up of bright, intelligent women deeply interested in the work. The President is the wife of Comrade Warfield. a broad-minded, large-hearted man, who has given his warmest sanction to the organization of a Corps. The following are the officers installed: President, L. E. Warfield; S. V.-P., M. Jewett; J. V.-P., Emma Norton; Sec., E. E. Kieth; Treas., E. E. Hall; Chap., Nina Math-

eson; C., Effie Ragsdale; G., B. Logan. A novel entertainment was recently given by John A. Dix Corps, of San Jose, consisting of an art gallery, the pictures being painted or drawn by persons well known in society, and who had never taken a lesson. The evening was very enjoyable; Col. and Mrs. Kinne being among the guests present. About \$200 was

Lyon Corps, of Oakland, Cal., recently gave a series of entertainments, netting \$200 for their relief fund. A portion of this sum has already been most judiciously expended in the furnishing of flannels for the inmates of the Soldiers' Home.

ALL ALONG THE LINE. Mrs. Francis T. Russell, National Corresponding Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps, instituted Dick Cheatham Relief Corps, No. 63, Beverly, O., with 27 present at muster. The installation was a public one, many of the comrades attending. Commander Ryan, in a beau-

tiful little address, expressed his great gratification at the successful organization of the Corps, and promised the members the cordial support and hearty co-operation of every com-rade. Maj. Palmer, of Marietta, was present, and in the course of his remarks said it was with a feeling of shame that he admitted they had no Relief Corps in Marietta. The following is a list of officers installed: President, Mrs. Theodicy Smiley; S. V.-P., Mrs. Sarah A. Gray; J. V.-P., Mrs. T. C. Ryan; Sec., Miss Virginia Dodge; Treas., Mrs. Fanny Buchanan; Chap., Mrs. Mary Jordan; C., Mrs. Elizabeth Hall; G., Mrs. Martha Pixley. The ladies of this Corps began their good work by assisting the comrades at the holiday fair and festival so suc-

cessfully given. Mrs. Lizzie Anderson, National Junior Vice President, who is doing a noble work in the West, writes of a recent visit to Staunton Corps, No. 2, at Carthage, where she found the ladies in the midst of their first entertainment, given to celebrate the battle of Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Anderson was favorably impressed with the spirit of harmony and the earnest efficiency evinced upon the part of the ladies there and at other points visited, and says: "There is abundant material in Missouri, and when the Department is organized I anticipate a remarkable increase in membership." The officers of Staunton Corps ars as follows: President, Mrs. C. Ragsdale; S. V.-P., Mrs. Sarah A. Thomas; orphans. The annual dues and initiation fees are kept as a contingent fund, to pay whatever ex- Sarah R. Wheeler; Treas., Mrs. Sue L. Bower; J. V.-P., Mrs. Sarah W. Rhodes; Sec., Mrs. Chap., Mrs. Mira W. Galbreath; C., Mrs. Edna

Shupert: G., Mrs. Alice L. Myers. A Red, White and Blue Social was a successful novelty, introducing a series of socials to be given once a month through the winter by E. B. Smith Relief Corps, Norwich, N.Y. The rooms were festooned with red, white and blue, with flags interspersed, while the ladies in charge were aprons trimmed with the tricolors. The President, Mrs. Laura Bootman, says the entertainment consisted of music by the Norwich Quartette-Mrs. E. V. Harris, Mrs. Alice Halbert, Mr. Clarence Cary, and Mr. Cyrus Brown. They gave some beautiful renditions; readings by Rev. H. A. Delano and Rev. O. H. McAnulty, and a chorus of 14 girls sang "Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue," in costumes of the same, with military bearing, keeping time by waving of flags. The whole program was well received, followed by a magnificent supper, from which a snug sum was realized.

Rousseau Relief Corps, Portage, Wis., Mrs. Elizabeth Little, President, is doing nobly, with a membership of 54. An October Reunion was followed by a Camp-fire. Since last Spring Rousseau Post has received upwards of \$100 in donations from the ladies. The President, Mrs. Little, is an active and efficient worker and a thorough disciplinarian, and Rousseau Corps is well up in its entire work.

Maj.-Gen. H. G. Berry Relief Corps, No. 6. Malden, Mass., elected the following officers at their last regular meeting: Pres., Mrs. L. A.

Charles T. Foster Relief Corps, of Lansing, Mich., have taken the naming of the President's new baby in their own hands, as a proper part of Relief Corps work, and the little pet will be known as Kate Foster Garlick, for the National President and the sleeping, hero for whom the Post is named. The National President is very proud of this tender expres-sion of affection and confidence from one of Country Gentleman...... the first Corps to the organization of which she had the pleasure of contributing, and which has given to Michigan some of its best workers, including the efficient Department President, Mrs. Shank.

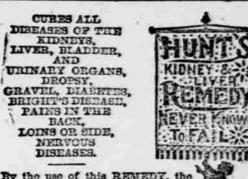
Mrs. Emily V. Littlefield, of Bangor, and Mrs. Inzetta Small, of Pittsfield, Department President and Secretary, instituted a W.R.C. on the 17th ult. at Monroe, Me., with 15 char-

ter members. Miss L. D'A. Kinne, San Francisco, Cal.: | Hiter-Ocean Frank Bartlett Corps, No. 7, W.R.C., Department of California, was instituted Dec. 4, and the following officers installed by A. H. Miller. Commander of Frank Bartlett Post, G.A.R.: Pres., Mrs. E. C. Ransom; S. V.-P., Mrs. Lizzie Roth; J. V.-P., Mrs. Mabel Arey; Chap., Mrs. Good Words..... L. Hall; Sec., Miss Nora Fuller; Treas., Mrs. S. F. Binkley; Con., Mrs. K. W. Miles; Guard, Mrs. Lucy Buskirk. Indications are that this Corps will prove to be a strong and successful organization in the near future.

Look Out For Him.

TO THE EDITOR: Believing that THE TRIBUNE is published in the interest of soldiers and for their protection from imposition and rascality. and to show how unprincipled comrades gain admission to our Order, and, under the cloak to- THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, of honorable membership, gain the confidence cite an instance; John Clarey, who served as Sergeant in the 3d Ohio Cav., -a pensioner of the Government,-six feet and two inches high, dark hair and complexion, and by occupation a carpenter, presented a transfer card from Randall Post, No. 53, at Prairie Depot, Wood Co., Ohio, and was received and entered on our rolls as a member of Ford Post, No. 14, during the Spring of 1884. Living in East Toledo, Ohio, during the past Summer, and frequently meeting his comrades in and out of country. In the center is a blank for the military the Post hall be courted and gained the country. the Post hall, he courted and gained the confidence of his comrades and the community. Finally, temptation overcome him, and, presenting plausible statements, he obtained money and credit under false pretenses and absconded. By giving your readers the benefit of the above By giving your readers the benefit of the above statement you will confer a favor upon his late comrades, as well as the community in which wounds, and other facts of his military history, it

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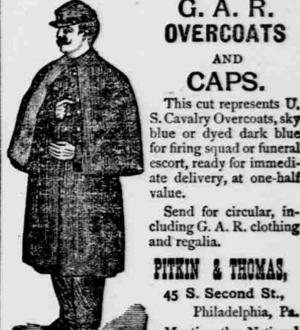
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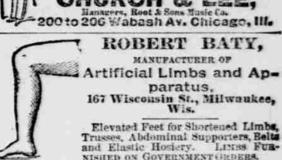
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